



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
International Bullying Prevention Association Conference  
*New Horizons: The Latest in Bullying Research and Prevention***

**November 6- 7, 2008**

**Sheraton Hotel & Suites, Keystone at the Crossing  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

## **2008 Call for Presenters**

**Deadline: May 23, 2008. No exceptions.**

**Requests must be submitted using the Request to Present form by midnight May 23, 2008.**

Proposals received after the deadline will not be reviewed. **A complete proposal includes a completed *Request to Present* form and speaker resume.** Incomplete proposals will not be considered. Please provide all information requested.

### **About IBPA**

The mission of the International Bullying Prevention Association is to support and enhance quality research based bullying prevention principles and practices in order to achieve a safe school climate, healthy work environment, good citizenship, and civic responsibility.

### **Overview of National Conference**

Theme: ***New Horizons – The Latest in Bullying Research and Prevention.*** This conference will showcase and present current evidence based practices and resources that will assist school personnel and community practitioners to create safe learning and neighborhood environments that are free from bullying behaviors, thereby nurturing the potential of all students.

### **Target Audience**

A majority of conference participants are public and private school personnel and prevention specialists in non-profit organizations or private practice. All are involved in working towards bullying prevention and intervention plans for schools and individuals who are impacted by bullying. The conference will bring together educators, physical and mental health professionals, policy makers, law enforcement officers, attorneys, researchers, parents, college students, school board members, prevention specialists, and others.

### **Goals for the Conference are:**

- to disseminate the latest developments in research;
- to facilitate an ongoing exchange about issues related to evidence based practices of bullying prevention by individuals with different experiences and viewpoints;
- to provide opportunities to learn how to take research findings to practical strategies for schools, and
- to increase public understanding of bullying behavior and its impact on individuals and school safety.

## Conference Schedule

Seventy-five (75) minute presentations will be assigned session times for Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and/or Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. You must be able to speak on the day(s) and time(s) assigned. Presenters are responsible for arranging for electronic devices necessary for the presentation. If your session is selected, the planning committee will contact you regarding other audio-visual needs.

## Selection Process:

The IBPA/IDOE Conference Planning Committee will review and select presentations that demonstrate the greatest potential to contribute to the quality of the conference. The committee will accept **Request to Present** proposals that represent effective practices, educational and/or mental health interventions, community involvement, parent training, bystander empowerment, liability issues, climate improvement and innovative domestic and international bullying prevention approaches and programs. Proposals will be selected that represent effective practices, proven solutions, or would add to the professional development of our conference participants.

These proposals will be organized by tracks/common topics of interest that foster exchange, debate, and dialogue among conference participants. The tracks for the conference will include: Education; Law – Policy, Liability, and Enforcement; Physical and Mental Health Care; Parent Education and Support; Community Collaboration; International Programs and Current Research.

All submissions will be judged by a volunteer panel of IBPA members on the following criteria: Overall Quality; Timeliness of Topic; Audience Appeal; Well-defined Focus and Learner Outcomes; and the Presenter's Professional Background and Speaking Experience.

**IBPA does not accept proposals for sessions intended to sell a product or service.** If your presentation is selected, you will be required to refrain from marketing your products/services during your session. Under no circumstances should a presentation be used as a place for direct promotion of a speaker's product, service or monetary interest. Presenters must also refrain from overt statements, harsh language or humor that disparages the rightful dignity and social equity of any individual, group, or program. If this requirement is broken, IBPA will reserve the right to refuse future presentations from these speakers.

## Notification

You will be notified of the Conference Committee's decisions for presentations in writing by June 30, 2008. Please do not contact IBPA or IDOE regarding acceptance or rejection of your proposal unless you have not been notified by that date.

## Session Proposal Questions

Questions regarding the Request for Proposals form or selection process should be sent to: Carol Gagliano, Florida Department of Education at [carol.gagliano@fldoe.org](mailto:carol.gagliano@fldoe.org) or 850-245-9736.

## Conference Information

Conference and hotel registration information, as well as a tentative agenda will be posted at <http://www.stopbullyingworld.org> and <http://www.doe.in.us/issaa>. This information will be posted in April, 2008.

## Registration:

As a nonprofit association, IBPA does not provide an honorarium for presentations. You must be able to cover your own travel, lodging, and expenses. However, if you are selected to present, you will receive a complimentary conference registration and one-year membership to IBPA in appreciation for your participation in our conference. If you are traveling to the conference, we suggest that you make your hotel reservations as soon as possible to guarantee the conference room rate.



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**Presenter's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title or Rank** \_\_\_\_\_

**School District/Organization/ Business Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone – Work (with area code)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone – Cell or Home Phone (with area code)** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work – Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work – City, State, Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

***If you will have a co-presenter, please have them submit all the contact information requested on a separate form***

**This presentation is appropriate for the following conference attendee(s): (check all that apply)**

- ☐ General Audience
- ☐ Educators
- ☐ School Administration
- ☐ School Board Members
- ☐ Policy Makers
- ☐ Health Practitioners (Physical and Mental)
- ☐ Attorneys
- ☐ Prevention Specialists
- ☐ Parents, Guardians, Grandparents
- ☐ Mental Health Professionals
- ☐ Law Enforcement/ School Resource Officers
- ☐ Youth Group/Club Coordinators

**Presentation – Title**

**Brief 50 word maximum description of 75 minute presentation including activities, style of presentation (i.e. lecture, interactive, electronic, etc.)**

**Cite two research reports that support the content of your presentation.**

**Where and when have you previously made this presentation or similar topic?**

**Clearly identify 3 learning objectives, what the participants will gain as a result of attending this presentation. By the end of this presentation, the learner will be able to:**

**Are you willing to repeat this session at the conference? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**

Please provide a Professional Biography (Limit to no more than 75 words):

If you wish to send additional information or documentation, you may do so to [carol.gagliano@fldoe.org](mailto:carol.gagliano@fldoe.org) or Fax: 850-245-9978.

Please provide the contact information for someone in your office that we may contact in case we are unable to reach you:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

Proposals may be submitted by sending the proposal form to:

**Carol Gagliano  
Instructional Designer  
Florida Department of Education  
Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools  
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325 West Gaines Street, Suite 554  
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[Carol.gagliano@fldoe.org](mailto:Carol.gagliano@fldoe.org)**

***Deadline for submission is midnight on May 23, 2008.***

Presenters and co-presenters must e-mail a resume or current vita to [carol.gagliano@fldoe.org](mailto:carol.gagliano@fldoe.org). Please include information highlighting your education/training and past experiences as a presenter. Send by e-mail, no later than midnight on May 23, 2008.